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ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF PO/77/48 CONTAINING THE
RESPONSE SYG LUNS PLANS TO MAKE TO THE NAA TEXTS. LUNS HAS
REQUESTED THAT DELEGATIONS SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS TO HIM BY
APRIL 22, 1977; THERE WILL BE A SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL DISCUSSION
ON THOSE VIEWS THAT CALL FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

2. BECAUSE THE NAA LAST YEAR ADOPTED THE UNUSUALLY LARGE
NUMBER OF 28 TEXTS, LUNS HAS CONSIDERED THEM IN THE FOUR
MAJOR CATEGORIES OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DEFENSE AND SCIENTIFIC
AFFAIRS, AND PROPOSES TO MAKE ONLY GENERAL COMMENTS ON EACH
CATEGORY. (COMMENT: WE THINK LUNS PROPOSAL TO RESPOND TO THE
NAA TEXTS IN BROAD TERMS ADDRESSING THE MAJOR CATEGORIES
MAKES SENSE. WE FOUND HIS PROPOSED COMMENTS TO BE APPROPRIATE
AND RECOMMEND NO CHANGES. END COMMENT.)

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS ON LUNS PROPOSED
RESPONSE TO THE 1976 TEXTS, BY OOB APRIL 22, 1977. END
ACTION REQUESTED.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF LUNS' PROPOSED RESPONSE:
COMMENTS ON THE TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
AT ITS 22ND ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT WILLIAMSBURG FROM 14TH TO
19TH NOVEMBER, 1976
THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY ADOPTED AN UNUSUALLY LARGE
NUMBER OF TEXTS AT ITS LAST MEETING. THIS BEING SO, I FELT THAT

IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO CLASSIFY THESE TEXTS INTO BROAD CHAPTERS AND TO FORMULATE COMPREHENSIVE COMMENTS COVERING THESE BROAD CHAPTERS. I SHALL DEAL FIRSTLY WITH POLITICAL SUBJECTS PROPER, THEN WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THEN WITH DEFENCE AND FINALLY WITH SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

1. THE TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CAN, I FEEL, BE CLASSIFIED UNDER THREE BROAD HEADINGS:

- EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND DETENTE
- RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES
- STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE.

2. ON THE FIRST POINT I SHARE THE CONVICTION EXPRESSED BY THE NAA THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PERSEVERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK FOR THE PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. ALLIED MINISTERS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS PROCESS CALLS FOR REAL IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE RANGE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS BOTH AS REGARDS RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES AND RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, AND ALSO REQUIRES A REDUCTION IN THE RISKS OF CONFRONTATION IN THE MILITARY SPHERE.

3. THE ALLIES ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT WHICH LAYS DOWN GUIDELINES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE. THEY ARE CONTINUING TO COMPLY WITH ALL ITS PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT UNDERTAKINGS TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ARE WORKING FOR FULL COMPLIANCE BY OTHER SIGNATORIES. THEY HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MADE CLEAR THAT THEY EXPECT ALL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THOSE UNDERTAKINGS TO WHICH THEY PUT THEIR NAME AT HELSINKI, SO THAT THE BENEFITS OF THE FINAL ACT MAY BE FELT IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. I AGREE WITH THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE NAA TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN CONTACTS, INFORMATION, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. ALLIED MINISTERS HAVE UNDERLINED THAT THE FINAL ACT SHOULD LEAD TO IMPROVEMENT NOT ONLY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, BUT ALSO IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLES AND INDIVIDUALS. SINCE THE SIGNATURE OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WITH THE HELP OF ITS SUBORDINATE ORGANS, HAVE REGULARLY EXCHANGES INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT, INCLUDING BASKET III. THEY ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TOGETHER PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS LATER THIS YEAR. THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE EVIDENCE OF THEIR SHARED DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION BY ALL SIGNATORIES OF ALL THE CSCE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS.

5. THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE BELGRADE MEETINGS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A THOROUGH AND OBJECTIVE REVIEW OF THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN ALL THE SIGNATORY

COUNTRIES AS REGARDS ALL THE AREAS COVERED BY THE FINAL ACT,
AND ALSO FOR CONSIDERING THE FURTHER PROGRESS THAT COULD BE MADE
TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVES AGREED IN HELSINKI. ALLIED GOVERNMENTS
INTEND TO PLAY THEIR FULL PART IN SEEKING POSITIVE RESULTS.

6. I AM WITH THE ASSEMBLY IN ITS DESIRE TO SEE THE PRINCIPLES
OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND THE RULE OF LAW APPLIED
FULLY IN ALL THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA AND IN SPAIN. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT FOR ME TO PASS JUDGEMENT
ON THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN THE LATTER COUNTRY, I CAN ASSURE
THE ASSEMBLY THAT SHOULD SPAIN EVER EXPRESS THE WISH TO BE
INVITED TO ACCEDE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD REGARD THE FULL APPLICATION
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OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AS ONE OF THE PREREQUISITES FOR ITS
ADMISSION. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO EMPHASISE THAT THESE SELF-
SAME PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY WHICH ARE CENTRAL TO OUR ALLIANCE
DEMAND ACCEPTANCE OF THE POLITICAL OPTIONS CHOSEN BY THE
INHABITANTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE
OPTIONS ARE EXPRESSED FREELY IN LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC CONDITIONS.

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7. THE ASSEMBLY REFERRED TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHAL
PLAN. THE SITUATION IS VERY DIFFERENT NOW FROM WHAT IT WAS
WHEN THE UNITED STATES CAME TO THE AID OF A PRACTICALLY
PROSTRATE EUROPE. AS A RESULT OF THIS AID, AND THEN BY ITS OWN
EFFORTS, WESTERN EUROPE IS NOW ABLE TO STAND ON ITS OWN FEET
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. IT IS MY FIRM
CONVICTION THAT WESTERN EUROPE MUST PLACE EVER INCREASING
EMPHASIS ON ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL NATURE AND FEATURES FOR THE
GREATER GOOD OF OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. THIS DOES NOT MEAN
OBVIOUSLY THAT EUROPE MUST CAST ITSELF OFF FROM THE UNITED

STATES BUT THAT IT MUST REINFORCE ITS UNITY IN EVERY AREA AND THUS, IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE COUNTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA, BE ABLE TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE PART IN THE COMMON DEFENCE EFFORT.

8. I AM AWARE THAT THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO KEEP THE ALLIANCE IN A STATE OF READINESS SUCH AS TO BE ABLE TO FACE ANY KIND OF MILITARY OR POLITICAL PRESSURE MAKES DEMANDS ON ALL THE MATERIAL AND MORAL RESOURCES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THAT THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRIES IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR DEFENCE CAPABILITY. ALL THE ALLIANCE GOVERNMENTS ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE SOLIDARITY WHICH BINDS THEM MUST BE CONTINUAULLY STRENGTHENED WITH DUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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REGARD, INTER ALIA, FOR THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FOR EUROPE'S PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY.

9. THE ALLIANCE'S PRESENT INSTITUTIONS ARE, IN MY VIEW, SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ENSURE THAT CONSULTATION CAN BE PROFITABLY CONTINUED IN ALL AREAS WITH ANY BEARING ON COLLECTIVE SECURITY. I SHOULD NOT HOWEVER LIKE TO SEE OUR ALLIANCE TAKE ON TOO MUCH: THERE ARE OTHER, MORE SPECIALIZED, INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE THERE TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIC, INCLUDING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE PROBLEMS INVOLVE COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE.

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

10. THE TEXTS ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HINGE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER;
- A JOINT STRATEGY FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- RAW MATERIAL PRICES AND THEIR IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE;
- ENERGY SUPPLIES.

11. AS REGARDS THE FIRST ITEM AND AS EXPLAINED IN THE COMMENTS ON THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 21ST SESSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, THE QUESTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER COMES WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EITHER HAVE SPECIALIZED FUNCTIONS (UNCTAD) OR ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS SERIOUS ISSUE (GATT, EEC). FURTHERMORE, THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IS STILL SITTING AND IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC FIGURES AND EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN ITS WORK WILL FIND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS AND A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHAT IS NOW CALLED THE "NORTH" AND THE "SOUTH".

12. THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS PARTICULARLY ALIVE TO ECONOMIC TRENDS IN ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES. ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND GREATER PROSPERITY IN THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES IS NOT ONLY A FACTOR FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY BUT ALSO THE MEANS OF ENSURING THAT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ARE CHANNELLED INTO THE DEFENCE EFFORT REQUIRED OF ALL THE ALLIED NATIONS.
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13. IT MUST, HOWEVER, BE REMEMBERED THAT THE FORMULATION OF A JOINT STRATEGY FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A STRATEGY ARE LONGTERM TASKS WHICH CAN ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE OECD AND THE EEC.

14. I SHARE THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY'S CONCERN THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A FURTHER RECESSION. IT SEEMS TO ME IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION - PARTICULARLY BETWEEN ALLIED COUNTRIES - WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE FORUMS IS ESSENTIAL IF THE MANY DIFFICULTIES STILL BESETTING OUR COUNTRIES ARE TO BE OVERCOME RAPIDLY.

15. THE STABILITY OF COMMODITY PRICES IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES WHOSE ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGIES COULD BE PUSHED OFF COURSE BY SHARP AND REPEATED FLUCTUATIONS IN WORLD RATES. IN ADDITION, PROSPECTION FOR BASIC PRODUCTS AND THEIR HARNESSING AT REASONABLE COST MUST BE ENCOURAGED IN ALLIED COUNTRIES SO AS TO REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

16. THE QUESTION OF COMMODITY PRICES IS A COMPLEX ONE AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS AT BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE ALLIANCE AS SUCH CAN MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION IN THIS FIELD.

17. I UNDERSTAND THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY'S CONCERN OVER ENERGY SUPPLIES IN THE WEST AND MORE PARTICULARLY IN THE ALLIANCE COUNTRIES. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER TO WHICH THE OECD HAS AGAIN DRAWN ATTENTION IN A PUBLICATION ISSUED EARLY IN 1977. LIKE THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, I CONSIDER THAT INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH COULD APPEAR OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN EACH ALLIED COUNTRY TO DEVELOP

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NATIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

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MILITARY COMMITTEE

18. I WELCOME THE INTEREST TAKEN BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. 19. CONCERNING REINFORCEMENTS, THE ALLIANCE HAS BEEN REGULARLY MONITORING THE REINFORCEMENT PLANS AND IT HAS LONG BEEN RECOGNISED THAT THE MATTER IS RELATED TO THE USE OF WARNING TIME. THERE IS CERTAINLY ROOM FOR IMPROVING THE REINFORCEMENT SITUATION IN GENERAL, BUT THE ELIMINATION OF PRESENT CONSTRAINTS, RELATING INTER ALIA TO THE PREPOSITIONING OF STOCKS FOR REINFORCEMENT FORCES, ARE DEPENDENT ON POLITICAL WILL AND ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH PARLIAMENTS MAKE AVAILABLE UNDER NATIONAL DEFENCE BUDGETS AS WELL AS ON THE RESOLUTION OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS ADDRESS THEMSELVES ALSO TO THE PROBLEM OF REINFORCEMENTS, AS DO THOSE STUDIES ON STRATEGIC AIRLIFT WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN FOLLOWING THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW THREAT POSED BY THE POWERFUL SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE SOVIET NAVY TO MARITIME LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE NATO AREA. THE ALLIANCE IS EQUALLY WELL AWARE THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE SOVIET NAVY IS VERY RELEVANT FOR THE WEST'S UNIMPEDED AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS. NATIONS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO TAKE REMEDIAL MEASURES AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPACT OF IMPORTANT NAVAL PROGRAMMES UNDERTAKEN BY SOME NATIONS WILL BECOME APPARENT TOWARDS THE END OF THIS DECADE.

20. THE QUESTION OF STANDARDIZATION, RATIONALIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY IS RELATED TO THE REINFORCEMENT PROBLEM AS MUCH AS TO THE FORCES IN BEING ALREADY DEPLOYED IN THEIR OPERATIONAL THEATRES. THE OTTAWA DECLARATION HAS GIVEN ADDED MOMENTUM TO THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM WHICH IS BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED IN ALL RELEVANT NATO BODIES UNDER THE OVERALL CO-ORDINATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL AD HOC GROUP ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY. PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS BEING GIVEN TO THE

INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS BOTH IN RESPECT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEMS AND OF THOSE WHICH IN THE LONGER TERM ARE TO REPLACE THEM. GIVEN, HOWEVER, THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED BETWEEN THE DECISION TO REPLACE ONE GENERATION OF SYSTEMS OR ARMAMENTS AND

THEIR INTRODUCTION INTO OPERATIONAL FORCES (PASSING THROUGH A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS AN EVALUATION OF PROTOTYPE PHASE) NO SPECIFIC RESULTS ARE YET AVAILABLE ON FUTURE EQUIPMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, FOR OVERCOMING THE PROBLEMS OF COMPETITION, INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, ETC. FACING NATIONAL INDUSTRIES, IS A NECESSARY PREMISE FOR ACHIEVING THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF STANDARDIZATION, RATIONALIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY. A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH STAFF CHANNELS.

21. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT SOME SIGNIFICANT SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PAST: THE STANDARDIZATION OF CALIBRES IN BOTH SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY, THE CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCTION AND THE CO-OPERATIVE PROCUREMENT OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT BEING NOTABLE EXAMPLES. THE EUROPEAN PROGRAMME GROUP HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED HOW UNDER THE "TWO WAY STREET" CONCEPT ITS PROGRAMMES MIGHT BE INTERPRETED WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE THROUGH THE CNAD. EUROGROUP STAFF TARGETS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE AND HENCE TO NON-EUROPEAN NATO MEMBERS AND, UNDER THE CNAD, THE SPECIALIST NATO ARMAMENTS GROUPS ARE ENDEAVOURING TO PRODUCE NATO STAFF TARGETS.

22. EUROGROUP MINISTERS HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE ROLE OF THE EUROGROUP AND HAVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR CLOSER COHESION IN ORDER TO DEVELOP MORE EFFECTIVELY THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE AND TO ENSURE THE MOST EFFICIENT POSSIBLE USE OF THE COLLECTIVE DEFENCE CAPABILITIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP. TO THIS END EUROGROUP TOOK MUCH PLEASURE IN WELCOMING PORTUGAL AS A MEMBER LAST YEAR. IT WILL CONTINUE ITS WORK IN COLLABORATIVE FIELDS INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT STAFF TARGETS, TRAINING, LOGISTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

23. THE QUESTION OF PROTECTING NORTH SEA ENERGY SOURCES IS BEING STUDIED BY THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE AND BY THE NATIONS CONCERNED. A DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE, HOWEVER, BETWEEN THE SECURITY OF THE WHOLE NORTH SEA AREA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OVERALL DEFENCE OF THE NATO AREA ON THE ONE HAND AND, ON THE OTHER, THE POINT DEFENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL INSTALLATIONS, THE LATTER BEING BEST PURSUED BY THE COUNTRY CONCERNED. IN THIS CONNECTION AND GIVEN CURRENT RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS NATIONS SHOULD PLAN FOR SHIPS WHICH, IF CAPABLE OF PROTECTING NORTH SEA ENERGY INSTALLATIONS AGAINST SABOTAGE IN TIMES OF PEACE OR CRISIS, SHOULD ALSO BE ADEQUATE FOR ENGAGING THE ENEMY IN TIME OF WAR. SUCH DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING MAY ALSO BE RELEVANT TO SHIPS REQUIRED FOR POLICING RECENTLY EXTENDED 200-MILE FISHING ZONES.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

24. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THREE OF THE
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.
THESE RELATE TO THE SUPPLY OF ENERGY, SCIENCE AND THE ARMS RACE
AND THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY.

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25. THE SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION AND CCMS HAVE FOR
SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ENGAGED IN SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS AIMED AT FINDING
WAYS TO CONSERVE ENERGY. AT PRESENT CCMS IS COMPLETING A STUDY
ON THE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY, AND HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED A REPORT
INDICATING WAYS THE CEMENT INDUSTRY CAN SAVE ENERGY AND
SUGGESTING SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON AN INTERNATIONAL
BASIS. THIS REPORT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, WHICH
ARE IN A POSITION TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION. SIMILARLY, PRELIMINARY
REPORTS ON RATIONALIZING THE USE OF ENERGY IN THE STEEL AND
PLASTICS INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE AGENCIES.
MOREOVER, THE SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS CONDUCTED
CONFERENCES ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS IN THIS AREA. AMONG THEM WERE
CONFERENCES DEVOTED TO THE TECHNOLOGY OF EFFICIENT ENERGY
UTILIZATION AND THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE. IN ADDITION, CCMS IS
CONTINUING TWO STUDIES DEVOTED TO GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR ENERGY
SOURCES.

26. PERTINENT DATA REGARDING VARIOUS WEAPONS AND WEAPONS
SYSTEMS ARE IN THE HANDS OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. THIS DATA IS
NOT AVAILABLE TO THE SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, WHICH IS
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CONCERNED WITH SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION IN NON-MILITARY FIELDS.
THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE

ANY SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE IN A STUDY OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THE ARMS RACE ON INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS IN DISARMAMENT.

27. I WOULD WELCOME STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OIL SPILLS
(AS WELL AS OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) AND INDEED I AGAIN
UNDERScoreD THIS VERY GREAT PROBLEM DURING MY OPENING COMMENTS
TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCMS ON 8TH AND 9TH FEBRUARY, 1977.
I WOULD ALSO WELCOME NATIONAL EFFORTS TO PUBLICISE CCMS RESULTS
AS I WOULD ALL PRACTICAL MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS ISSUING FROM THE CCMS PILOT STUDIES AND ADOPTED
BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. I BELIEVE THE ROUND TABLE
DISCUSSION AT THE CCMS PLENARIES IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORA
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION. IN FACT, AT ITS LAST PLENARY SESSION, THE CCMS
DEVOTED THE ENTIRE FIRST DAY TO THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON
"THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DECISION-MAKING
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